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By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 9 (now canceled) and to address the examiner's outstanding formality rejection, and claim 7 has been corrected. Entry is requested.

It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 should suffice to place it in an allowable state. In this regard, the examiner has again rejected claims 1 and 3-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 103 as being anticipated by, or unobvious over, Oroskar et al. However, this is not correct. Oroskar et al. do not disclose use of catalysts in the form of metals in metallic form. The initiator catalysts defined in Oroskar et al. in the passage bridging columns 5 and 6 are oxides, sulfides, other sulfur compounds and sols comprising the metal. The first catalysts defined in Oroskar et al. on column 6, lines 49 to 55 are oxides, sulfides and other compounds of the metal. The preferred catalyst is manganese oxide. The second catalysts defined in Oroskar et al. on column 6, lines 56 to 62 are again oxides, sulfides and other compounds of the metal, with zinc oxide being the preferred catalyst.

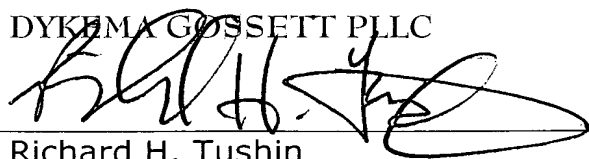
As such, Oroskar et al. does not disclose or suggest the applicant's claimed method.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

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